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Gomshay beams over recent award from PTSA.

Gomshay honored by PTSA

by Charan Joni

Teacher Phil Gomshay and parent Louise Vogelsburg received Honorary Servive awards at the PTA's Founder's Day celebration January 27th. They were awarded for their commitment and involvement in El Cerrito High.

Mr. Berman, who gave the first award to Mr. Gomshay, called him "the kind of person that really makes education work."

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Gomshay was raised in New York and attended the City College of New York. He served in the navy for four years. In 1954 he came to the west coast where he was stationed at Alameda Naval Air Station. After the service he enrolled at San Jose State University, where he received a masters in physical education, a minor in business, and his teaching credential. After teaching for a year each at Del Oro High School in Lumas and San Mateo elementary schools, Mr. Gomshay came to El Cerrito High in 1961.

Mr. Gomshay teaches business, record keeping, and business math. He has coached junior varsity baseball, sponsored sophomore and junior classes, and started a collector's club.

He has also earned the respect of his students. Jorge Siu, a 12th grade student taking business, commented,"He's different from other teachers.

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E.C. Teachers nominated for panel

by Jonathan Bradley

Social science teachers, John Rossi and Bonnie Taylor will be participating in the history panel at Stanford University to help establish national standards for teachers.

The project the two teachers are in is called the Teacher assesment Program and it has been in exsistance about a year.

The program is organized by Stanford and it is funded by a three year 800,000 Carnagie grant.

The idea is to set standards for teachers working in elementary and secondary levels. The expert panel will consist of university professors and elementary and secondary teachers throughout the country.

Rossi and Taylor were recommended by directors at the University of California at Berkeley for the program. Graduates from Stanford came to El Cerrito High for a more detailed evaluation of our teaching style. Also evaluated were textbooks and our teaching materials. Both Rossi and Taylor were nominated for the panel because of what the evaluator saw to ber sucessful teaching methods.

The project is now focusing on elementary math and secondary history but they will probably go into other fields. The method of assesment is one way to evaluate new teachers who want to tenure. It is hoped that the assesmant plan would be available for the Districts nationwide. The main goal is a National Board of Standards for teachers.

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Summer session criticized

by Ray Yokoi

Summer school may be an idea of the past at El Cerrito High if the teaching staff and the surrounding community have their way.

Teachers have complained about overcrowded classrooms, vandalism, and graffiti. In addition, neighbors have complained of automobile cruising, hanging-out and smoking during the Summer session.

The faculty and the staff have compiled a list of complaints and have written a letter to a summer school official. The letter questioned the effectiveness of summerschool and its negative impact on the faculty teaching during the summerschool program and the surrounding El Cerrito Community.

The complaints from the summer session faculty and regular teaching staff are most trivial, according to some reports. There were fires in the trash cans almost everyday during the summer session. Some students, not attending summerschool, destroyed and defaced buildings and property. It created a intimidating atmosphere for both the summerschool staff and the regular staff.

Teachers' purses, radios, and school supplies were constantly stolen. There was total chaos with food and garbage on the grounds and in the hall. Vending machines were broken into and the money was stolen. There were countless fights. The security officers on duty were clearly not enough to handle the many disruptive students' situations.

In the letter, the faculty questioned the educational value of summerschool. Most of the students that attend have one denominator: failure, disruptive behavior, lack of motivation, lack of minimum proficiency, learning disabilities. " They also feel that collecting so many students with negative attitudes, unsupported by adequate supervisors, does not create a positive learning atmosphere.

Also, the letter states that remediation requires calm, positive atmosphere in order to start long-term motivation of problem students. According to the letter, summerschool as it explains has little to do with education and much to do with expediency. The consequence is that an illusion that something positive for students who need the extra-help is created. Teachers feel that any outside evaluation of the program, would see it only as an illusion.

The past 1986 year summer-session at El Cerrito High did a serious amount of damage to the school, personal property, and the relationship with the community. To justify such damage and the huge sums of money spent on summerschool, the staff and faculty feel that someone outside the system should regularly study what happens at summerschool and make recommendations as to its

Taylor and Rossi are enthused about teachers panel.

Drug rallies: better or worse?

by Ellisa Sagle

Last month El Cerrito High students witnessed two assembly programs dealing with drug related issues. The consensus on the first assembly was that it was not up to par for a program dealing with as serious an issue as drug abuse. Just as it is important to spark enthusiasm in students by adding some form of entertainment in a program, it is also important to set a tone of seriousness and urgency when dealing with a serious issue. Instead the first program glamorized drugs, in my opinion.

The School House Rappers hosted the first assembly with rapping about how awful drugs are. Dancers were also there to liven up the program. . And in the near future KPIX's FOR KID'S SAKE program will be showing this assembly. Many students and teachers strongly believe that having this kind of a program was a step in the right direction, but it ended up having too much of a "rally atmosphere" so that it was easy for the students to take the whole thing as a joke.

Sophomore Michele Webber felt that the School House Rappers did not provide any convincing reasons why anyone should listen to them.

The second assembly, however, emphasized to the students of El Cerrito High that their school does take a strong stand against drug abuse and other drug related issues. Ex-Dodger, Don Newcombe spoke in front of at least 800 students about his battle with drugs and alcohol and how these substances ruined himself, his family, and his career.

After seeing the program, Judy Gosnell, a health educator and sponsor of Students Against Drunk Driving said, "I was impressed by how mannerly and attentive the students were. It is good to see that students can be so interested in drug related issues." Mr. Newcomb definitely reached out to the students better than the School House Rappers because he lived all the things he preached about. Nobody could help but believe what he was saying.

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Excooze you!!!

By Darren Kani

Has somebody ever held a heavy door open for you before entering or exiting a building ? Has anyone ever yielded a place in line to you because you actually got there first ? These area couple of examples of something called " common courtesy " which I am sorry to say , many students at E.C.H.S. lack at times.

Unfortunately it isn't often that I run into a person who will actually display any form of courtesy. Every day, I see people doing little rude things that can easily be avoided. For instance, I've seen quite a few times in the halls, and especially on the stairs, a case of somebody bumping into another person accidentally. One person may just just walk by while the other sarcastically screams "Excooose You !!" or the person says " Excuse me " while the other screams " Excooose You !" What's up? if a person apologizes, he apologizes. This type of thing happens every day.

Some may not realize it, but the litter problem also shows tremendous lack of courtesy. I have read numerous editorials in this paper complaining about the litter problem and I see effort to keep the campus clean. But many students choose to screw this up. Ignoring the fact that there are trash cans for refuse, they decide that they will drop their trash everywhere but in those cans. Some even go as far as knocking over the cans; spilling what trash that is in there all over.

Everybody wants to feel good about himself and one way that many have found is to roast somebody or laugh at them when they make a mistake or do something stupid. This occurs inside and outside of E.C.H.S. and it really shows a lack of courtesy. Everybody makes mistakes and to laugh at him only makes the embarassment worse. To put down someone is to purposely make him feel this humiliation and is even worse than laughing at him for something that he did. It happens at E.C.H.S. Look in the classrooms, around the campus and at the rallies. Sadly, it seems to have become accepted social behavior.

I am not the only one who feels this way about the lack of courtesy and thoughtfulness at E.C.H.S. I talked to various students about school and found numerous examples that they have observed. " I have noticed that a lot of people tend to block up the halls talking and don't make it very easy for you to get through. " says one. Another mentioned ," I think the problem is that people today are so self-centered that they tend to forget that there are other people in this world who deserve consideration as much as anyone else ."

by Melissa Robinson

The behavior of many El Cerrito High School students was vulgar and rude during Don Newcombe's presentation on drug and alcohol abuse on January 19, 1987.

In an effort to dissuade teens from following a self-destructive path of drug and alcohol abuse, Newcombe pleaded with the El Cerrito student body and faculty to be aware of the dangers. He warned that alcohol and drug abuse can only lead to destruction and begged that we all heed the examples of his past mistakes.

However, his descriptions of his "colored" former lifestyle describing the horrible effects of his abuses were received by an exceptionally large portion of El Cerrito with rounds of rude, hysterical laughter and derogatory verbal comments. The foolish, mocking audience took every opportunity to display their ignorance and rudeness at every opportunity, and would not stop even when they were asked to.

To his credit, Mr. Newcombe remained calm poised in the face of this awful reception. If we are going to have presentations like this at El Cerrito, it is clear that the student body is

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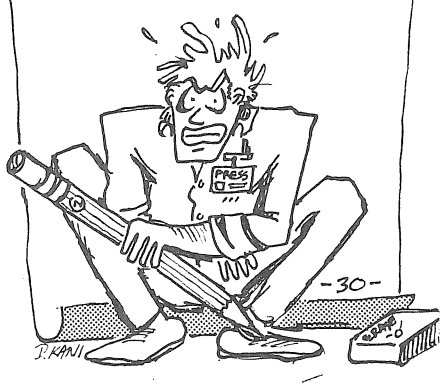


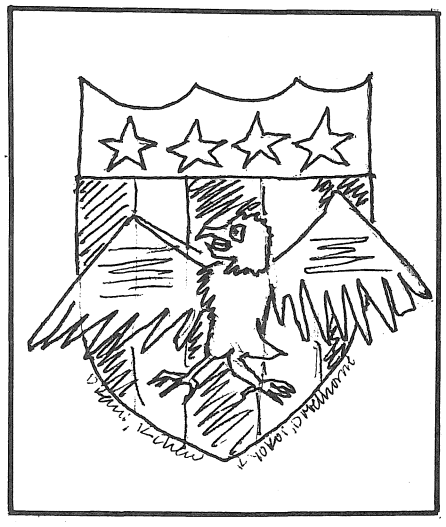
Students Take Office

by Darren Kani

Ever wonder how our government works? How our government passes bills, or how the court systesm operates? Well, students from the Bay Area and all over the state are finding out in a YMCA sponsored organization called Youth and Government, a model legislature and court for hundreds of high school students.

This program has operated for 38 years and is well into another successful year. Students from ECHS, De Anza and Pinole Valley High represent West Contra Costa. This year, students Brian Hoagland, Darren Kani, Andrew Garcia-Price, Raju Singh, Nyairo Maina, Angela Munoz, Elizabeth Proctor and Elissa Sagle are representing ECHS.

The program has eight government-related sections: the Senate, Assembly, Lobbyists, Pages, Commisioners, American Delegates, courts and media. Each part of the program covers different aspects of the government and students can campaign for political positions including Governor.



On November 8-10, some of these delegates attended San Luis Obispo. This was mainly a program for students who hadn't ever been in the program and wanted to test the water before diving in. It was a small scale version of what was to go on in Sacramento.

On January 17-19, all of the delegates attended San Luis Obispo II for preparation of the real thing. At SLO II, the officials are elected by all the delegates. There were massive, wild rallies and campaign speeches accompanied by a "meet the candidates" session for each section of the program. This Year, Pete Koebler was elected governor. Delegates also attended all day sessions that taught them the ropes of how their part of the government is run. But SLO II wasn't all work. Every night, the mess hall of the base was packed with people for the dances, held from 10:00 pm to 1:00 am.

On February 12-16, the delegates will converge on the State Capitol in Sacramento. They will stay, as they always have in previous years, at the Holiday. The proceedings will include meeting the governor, George Deukmejan, attending banquets, and running the mock legislatue/court for 4 days. They use the real chambers of the capitol to prepare and vote on bills. Lobbyists frantically push the bills on senators and assemblymen, pages run around with memos and messages, and the media which includes a video program and newspaper trying to get "The Scoop."

Advisor for the West Contra Costa delegation, Lawrence Olsen commented,"This year we have one of the largest delegations ever. I see a lot of potential and it looks like this is going to be one of the best years ever."

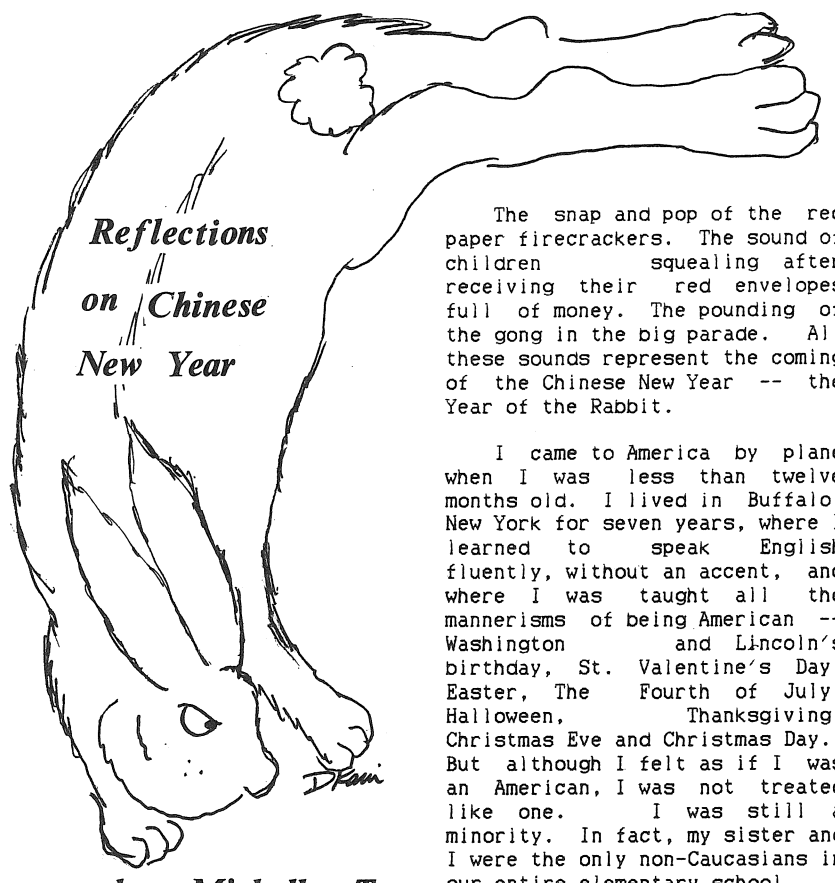
Fathers forgotten

by Dmitri Mehlhorn

A national holiday on one's birthday is the highest honor our country can give. Soon George Washington's and Abe Lincoln's birthdays will give us a week off of school. But does this holiday really give either of these men any honor? Do any students or teachers ever really think about the founding fathers during this vacation? It's interesting that the common name for this vacation has nothing to do with founding fathers; most people simply call it Ski Week.

People think about the founding fathers when there is a grade involved, when teachers assign something on the subject. During our free time, not even the most patriotic among us can boast that they spend even a few minutes thinking about the founding fathers. Of the several students I asked, all of them admitted that during the vacation Washington and Lincoln are the farthest things from their minds. Most of them didn't even know Ski Week was supposed to honor the birthdays of the two famous presidents.

Maybe people aren't supposed to remember the founding fathers over ski week. A vacation just for the sake of a vacation would certainly be worthwhile during the hard school year. It just seems as though the purpose of this vacation is to honor these men and to get the message to students that these were important men. Apparently the message isn't getting through.



by Michelle Tang

The snap and pop of the red paper firecrackers. The sound of children squealing after receiving their red envelopes full of money. The pounding of the gong in the big parade. All these sounds represent the coming of the Chinese New Year -- the Year of the Rabbit.

I came to America by plane when I was less than twelve months old. I lived in Buffalo, New York for seven years, where I learned to speak English fluently, without an accent, and where I was taught all the mannerisms of being American -- Washington and Lincoln's birthday, St. Valentine's Day, Easter, The Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. But although I felt as if I was an American, I was not treated like one. I was still a minority. In fact, my sister and I were the only non-Caucasians in our entire elementary school.

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Valentine messages

To Kris-Happy Valentines Day!

Wake-up S.D.! We've got to have a party (until 3am) with David and absolut! Happy Valentines Day! Love always, L.H.

HH only you...forever and ever!! love you, KK

To Mish and Trish, No, I don't want either of you as Valentines! I just want to say, YOU'RE MY BEST FRIENDS! Love, K

To my baby brother D.M.: All my love and a very happy valentines day. Love always, L.H.

Kristina, when we are apart, my thoughts are of you. Sammen for alltid. Love. Rune

Lynne, to the nicest and most beautiful girl at EC. Have a great Valentines Day. Be mine! Love, J.S.

Dear Golden Girls, You're so much a part of our lives, that we just wanted to say... Happy Valentines Day!! Love and Smiles, D.M.T.

To all my good bros and spike-I love you guys lots and remember, we're all just one of the guys! Luv, Kit Kat.

Anthony & Maureen- LET'S MONOPOLY!!!!!!-Don & Trina

Dear M.M., For all the fun things we've done and all the great things we will do, Happy Valentines Day! Many hugs and kisses, L.Y.

To my dearest Richard "Bro", Kristina, Amy, Susan "Mom", Mario, Shannon "Sister-in-law", Liv, Ken "Lover", Darian, Angela "My other Mom", Happy Valentines, To-li

Hi "genius"! Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks for making me smile! "Trendy"

"Gorgeous"- Trendy is not really descriptive enough, or a complement. Really glad we've become friends. Happy Valentines Day! Love, "genious"?? (geenyus, geanus, hm...)

The Gang- The twins, Janna, Gill, Rich...Hey, lets stick together happy Valentines Day! Love -n- friends, CAT

To Sandy, Leslie, Kari, Jennet, Kristina, Cindy, Danielle, Louise, Kristi, Donna, and Veli Happy Valentines Day!! Y. R.

Anna- Happy Valentines Day. I love you. David

Bonjour mon amie! Merci pour entendre moi. Par exaemple: Buff, our idols, correspondant, hole punch, faded jeans, M&M, etc. Oh my God... Ton amie

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EC Grapplers tied for 2nd

by Craig Wong

The El Cerrito Wrestling team, despite losses to injury, illness and grades, have fought their way to a second place tie with Encinal, trailing only Albany. A few outstanding wrestlers have led the Gauchos to a league victory over Salesian, and 8th and 9th place finishes in tournaments en route to their standing.

The Gauchos have been hit hard by the new eligibility rule that makes it manditory that any student participating in extra-curricular activities have a 2.0 GPA or better. The team has lost three varsity starters, all possible North Coast Candidates. Coach Randy Takahashi said, "We have really been hurt by grades. I was really surprised that it affected our team so much. But were not the only team...its hard on everyone. I also feel that its the students fault, because to get a C, all you have to do is attempt the work, and apparently, they're just not doing that."

The remaining wrestlers have performed exceptionally well, according to Takahashi. Sophomore Troy Jennings, Juniors Bryan John and Chuckie Anderson, and Senior Shawn Garrett have stood out, and Takahashi hopes all of them will advance to North Coast.

Jennings was commended by Takanashi for fine showings in league matches, and a fourth place finish at the EC Invitational. John, wrestling in the 134lb weight class, has earned praise for second and fifth place tourney showings, and strong wrestling in league. Anderson has impressed Takahashi with tough dual meet performances, while Garrett is eyeing league Champion through fourth and second place tournament showings.

In recent action, the Gauchos placed ninth out of 19 teams in the extremely tough Green and Gold Classic held in Novato. The topp five teams from last year's North Coast competition were there. Coach Takahashi was very pleased with his team's performance. "Considering we brought only a half of a team, I was really surprised we placed as high as we did." Garrett and John grappled to impressive second and fourth place finishes respectivly, to lead the Gauchos.

In other tournament action, the EC Grapplers placed eigth, while hosting the El Cerrito Invitaional. Placing for the Gauchos were John, who took second in the 134lb class, Garrett and Jennings with fourth place finishes, and C.J. Belcher, Roland Evans, and Josanni Goree with fifth place showings.

In league action, the grapplers defeated Salesian High in an illness stricken contest. Between both team's defaults, there were only five matches, as El Cerrito posted a 45-15 victory. Winning matches for the Gauchos were Jennings, John, Anderson, and Evans.

The Gauchos will travel to Encinal on Wednesday to face the for their final league match. The GBAL tournament, which will decide League Champions and qualifications for North Coast, will be held on February 19 at Albany. Coach Takahashi says, "The tournament is over the vacation, so come out and give us a little support."

Soccer suffers

by Veli Lehman

The El Cerrito Women's Soccer team played their last game of the season on Friday february 6th. The Gauchos lost to Encinal 3-2. The inexperienced Gaucho's finished the season with a disappointing record of 0-13-1.

Senior Jennifer Bartholomew clearly was the most valuable player. Bartholomew's biggest game was against Bishop O'Dowd when she scored all three Gaucho goals. First year goalies Ruth Mathes and Kali Edwards played well at the goal blocking many scoring attempts.

The Gaucho team basically had a building season, gaining experience for next year. Excellent play by Sophomores Lori Okamura, Elena Gardella and Kathy Gutman, and Juniors Michelle Dea, Tracy Dunn and Yvonne Webber promise that next years team will be much improved.

Erik Zalkin tangles with a Berkeley opponent.

Men's soccer ends on winning note

by Jeff Pryde

The El Cerrito soccer team rebounded from a shaky 0-6 start in league play to post a 2-2 record in their last four games beating Pinole 4-2, losing to Berkeley 4-1 and Kennedy 3-0 and demolishing Alameda 5-0 in the season finale.

Pinole jumped out to an early 1-0 lead. EC quickly tied the game, however, on Larry Hengl's goal. EC led 2-1 at half time and never looked back. Senior Larry Hengl scored two second half goals completing a hat trick and junior Danny Smith kicked another. EC's defense held Pinole to only one goal in the second half as EC won their first GBAL game 4-2.

EC traveled to Berkeley for their next game where they were denied an upset of the league leading Yellowjackets. Berkeley led at halftime 2-0. EC narrowed the score to 2-1 when junior Danny Smith scored a goal off a penalty kick. Berkeley added to their lead scoring two goals in the last eight minutes of the game and defeated the Gauchos 4-1.

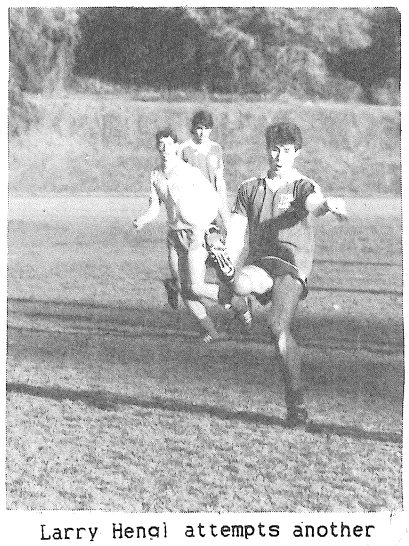
EC next visited the Eagles of Kennedy looking for their second league victory. The first half turned into a defensive struggle as the score was 0-0 at halftime. EC's offense was shut out in the second half while Kennedy scored three goals in the last 18 minutes of the game.

EC returned home for the last game of the season to host the playoff bound Hornets from Alameda under the lights of the El Cerrito stadium. EC wanted to get even for an earlier loss in which Alameda beat EC 1-0. EC jumped out and took the lead when senior Erik Zalkin headed in a goal from junior Danny Smith's corner kick. Junior Steven Tanuz also headed in a goal with an assist from senior Chris Ward. EC lead 2-0 at the intermission.

In the second half it was "the Larry Hengl Show" as he completed his second hat trick of the season by scoring all three of EC's second half goals. EC's defense was brilliant throughout the rest of the game not allowing another one shot at the goal. The Gauchos won their last game 5-0.

Coach Manuel Catao commented, "I felt we should have made the playoffs and the win against Alameda proved it. It's too bad in the first part of the season we lacked the intensity to produce goals when they were necessary. By the time we were able to click, it was too late in the season."

The Gauchos finished with a 2-8 record in the GBAL and 4-11-1 overall.



Larry Hengl attempts another hat trick.

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Four game streak sends Gauchos into playoffs

by Amy Page

The Gauchos are in the race. The Hoopsters are on a roll. After winning four straight league games, El Cerrito upped its Golden Bay Athletic League record to 5-4 (13-11 overall) and earned a league playoff berth, along with De La Salle and Kennedy.

The Gauchos travel to Alameda tonight for a 7:30 game against the Hornets. JV action begins at 6:00. The Hoopsters will compete in the GBAL Tourney, February 25 through the 28th.

On Tuesday, the Gauchos fought Berkeley for a 66-64 victory, clinching the win in the last minute of play.

With ten seconds left on the clock, EC trailed the Yellowjackets, 63-62. Senior Ray Ford's outside jumper bounced off the rim and junior Myron Mason pulled down the key offensive rebound. Mason's bucket fell through as he was fouled on the shot.

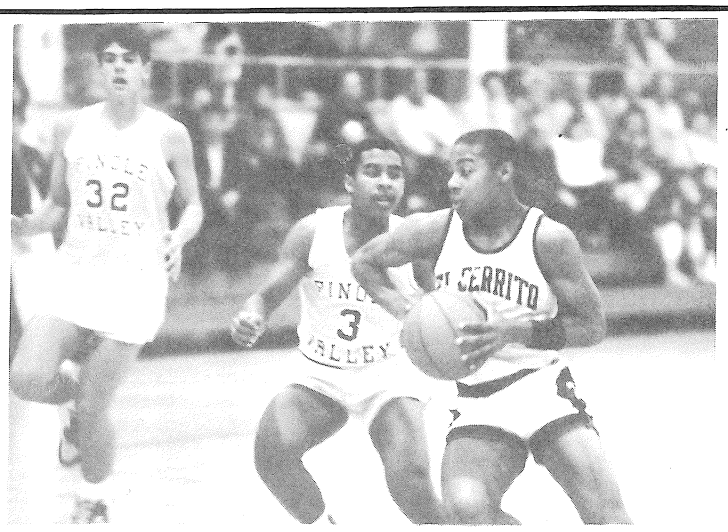
Mason's freethrow put the Gauchos agead 65-63. Berkeley had a chance to tie on the freethrow line, with 45 seconds left, but Terrance Allen only nailed one of his two free shots.

Ford wrapped up the Gauchos win with a freethrow, ending the scoring at 66-64.

Ford led EC with 21 points, sophomore Quentin Youngblood added 18, and junior Brandon Lee scored 14 for the Gauchos.

El Cerrito earned bragging rights over arch-rival Kennedy after a 62-57 victory last Friday.

Sparked by Youngblood (17 points, nine rebounds) and Lee (18 points) the Gauchos fought back with six straight points to go up 53-50.



Point guard Ray Ford sparks Gaucho offense.

El Cerrito wrapped up the victory with a junior Anthony Colbert inside bucket and a Lee 20-foot jumper.

The Gauchos knocked off the East Bay's fifth ranked De La Salle, 64-59, in the biggest upset of the season.

The Spartans tore away with a 20-14 lead in the first quarter, but the Gauchos cut the score to 30-29 at half-time. Ford scored seven points in the second quarter to ignite El Cerrito.

Lee had the high score for the Gauchos with 16, Ford added 15, and Youngblood contributed 14, as well as held Spartan star Jon Barry to only six points.

Gauchos maul Cougars; earn No.1 ranking

by Kari Chew

El Cerrito's girls basketball team swept another four games against Pinole, Head Royce, Carondelet and Berkeley. Gauchos are now 8-0 in league and 22-1 on the season.

El Cerrito jumped to an early lead, 19-2, in the first quarter against Pinole and never looked back. Linda Schultz's 19 points, Erika Hardwick's 16 points and Veronica Kalu's 12 points paced El Cerrito to a 70-20 victory. Pinole's Chris Cavalli led her team with 8 points.

In non-league action El Cerrito showed no fear as they opened a 22-3 first quarter lead befor beating Head Royce 68-45. "We jumped on them early," EC coach Bill Hardin explained, "Linda (Schultz) was just unstoppable." Schultz, who ended with 27 points shot ten for thirteen in the first half.

Hardin also praised the play of center Erika Hardwick who proved she could play guard as several of her points came from coast to coast fastbreaks. Hardwick chipped in fifteen points and twelve rebounds. Lauren Strickland added 17 points and Lisa Nakamura contributed ten assists. Karen White and Jennifer Kass of Head Royce combined for 35 points.

On Wednesday February 5th, El Cerrito, then ranked second in the East Bay, hosted the East Bay's #1 ranked Carondelet team. The Gauchos, undefeated in league, pulled off a 53-42 upset.

The victory boosted the Gaucho Hoopsters to a #1 East Bay ranking and knocked Carondelet into third place. San Ramon was voted second in the poll.

The game started out close with El Cerrito holding a slim 28-24 margin at the end of the first half, thanks to Lauren Strickland's tenacious defense. "Lauren did a terrific job on defense, she took McClaughery out of the game," Hardin said.

Stacy McClaughery, Carondelet's star point guard who averages 18 points per game, was held to only 12 as the Gauchos implemented a box and one defense.

The Gauchos pulled away to a 35-26 third quarter lead. Erika Hardwick, who ended with ten points and ten rebounds, and Linda Schultz, who ended with 16 points and eight rebounds, scored the first six points of the third quarter and Carondelet was unable to come back.

Strickland added eight points and Nakamura chipped in eight assists. Amanda Green scored ten for Carondelet.

The team played its toughest league game against the Yellowjackets at Berkeley High on Tuesday. El Cerrito overcame a 14-17 first period deficit to lead Berkeley at intermission. The lead proved to be just enough as Berkeley outscored the Gauchos in both the third and the fourth quarters but the Gauchos barely came up with the 57-53 win. Linda Schultz led the Gauchos with 21 points. Strickland and Janet Schultz combined for 19 points scoring 10 and 9 respectively.

El Cerrito hosts Alameda today at 7:30 and travels to Carondelet on Tuesday during vacation.

Coach thanks fans

Dear Students:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students that attended the El Cerrito vs. Carondelet basketball game for their part in making it a 53-42 Gaucho victory. It finally gave us the home court advantage that we've missed this year.

I do believe that the rooting section had a profound effect on the outcome and possibly swayed the momentum in our favor. The actions of these students also left me with the good feeling that maybe our school spirit is coming back.

Again, many thanks and I hope that we will see the same type of crowd reaction when we travel to Carondelet for our rematch February 17 at 7:00.

Bill Hardin

Girls' Basketball Coach

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Valentines CONTINUED

Dan Bell, I love you, I love you. I love you, I love you, I love you, I love you. Love always and forever, Kris B.

My sweetest Glenn Jr., this little message is only just a sample of how much I really do love you. I do love you. Teika

You'll get yours Strawman. Your sweet 16 is my sweet revenge. Lester

Don-Thank you for all the good times. There'll be many more. I owe my happiness all to you. I LOVE YOU, Trina (Jerry's Kid)

D.B., Don't forget our vacation stop the train leaves 8pm tonight stop see you then stop I love you (please don't) stop. J.K.

Dmitri-Want to practice your holds? We're always available for buff wrestlers. Love, J.G., J.W., B.B., B.G., B.J., N.M., J.P., T.G.

Gwen Tanner, I really care about you and will never forget you. Stay beautiful always. Love Always, Darrick McGlothen

Shauna F...Happy Valentines Day...H.T.

KECG broadcasters

Waiman Wong: Mon-Fri, 8:00am-9:20am
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Aaron Faban: Wednesday afterschool
hip-hop tunes and "the beat"

Mia King: Friday at lunch
Soul and rap

Brian Jay: Tuesday afterschool

Rabbit CONTINUED

When my family moved to California when I was eight, I suddenly found myself thrust into a society where Asians were the majority, and whites were the minority. People accepted me, and didn't chant stereotyped rhymes at me, and didn't stare at me as if I were part of a freak show when I went out. I was finally accepted.

So to me, Chinese New Year does not mean wearing old clothes on New Year's Eve and new clothes on New Year's Day. It does not mean a day or two off from school, and neither does it mean going from door to door, bowing as you wish your neighbors good luck for the coming year. No, Chinese New Year does not mean all the traditional things to me. I celebrate it simply as a symbol of being a Chinese in America. the only non-Caucasian in represent the coming of the Chinese New Year -- the Year of the Rabbit.

Rossi & Taylor CONTINUED

When the study is finished, a national report will probably be published. There is a possibility that the model will be used during summer school. Taylor and Rossi hope that if the project goes well, the Richmond Unified School District will be able to use the plan. They also hope to get input from the teachers at EC to help with the project.

Rossi and Taylor feel that the project will help professionalize teaching. Rossi points out that the legal and medical professors control their fields and teaching shoud be able to do the same. They also feel that teaching will get more respect like the other professors. Taylor says, "When you say you're a High School teacher, people groan. We don't get respect like a lot of other professions." she also feels that prestige is also inportant for teaching because it attracts the best people. Taylor also hopes that the salaries will increase but the board would weed out money grubbing individuals out and keep in the good ones.

Rossi feels that they are going to be many retirements in the next five years and the assesment program would be a good idea to try on new incoming teachers. He also likes it because public opinion has been that quality of teachers is going

Service awards CONTINUED

He loves to teach. He's not doing it because that's his job. He'll spend extra time to help you."

Mr. Gomshay said "I've been here for quite a long time. EC has been my home away from home. I've enjoyed the children and I've enjoyed my coworkers. I still have the strenghth and I still have the enthousiasm and I'm going to enjoy (teaching) until I find something else.

Parent Louise Vogelsburg also received an award. Presenter Mrs. Cone described Mrs. Vogelsburg as "a concerned citizen, a doting mother, a diligent worker, a sports enthousiast, and a fan."

Mrs. Vogelsburg was past president of the League of Women Voters and is a member of the PTSA. She runs the tutoring center once a week, judges at forensic competitions, served as a parent volunteer for the Academic Decathalon, and is a loyal gaucho.

Mrs. Burkhart of the PTA said she is "a recipient who has held about every PTSA job. Band director Mr. Yonemura said she is "one of the best music fans around."

Last year's Honorary Service award recipient were Sue Rosenthal and Al Miller.

30 concerned citizen, a doting mother, received Honorary Service awards for their commitment and involvement in El Cerrito High. PTaww commitment and involvement in El Cerrito High.

Drug rally

going to have to ask itself some important questions:

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Most reasonable people would answer "no" to every single one of these questions. But if Mr. Newcombe's rally was anything to go by, the students of ECHS are going to have to learn some manners and courtesy if we want to have any more serious presentations like Mr. Newcombe's here at our school.

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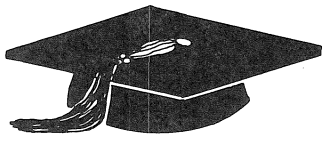

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